



The beautiful Roermond Town Hall, which dates back to the 18th century. At the top of the three dormer-window facades are the coats of arms of the Dukedoms of Gelre, Roermond and Limburg. The small tower on top of the Town Hall houses the city's carillon, a set of 49 bells which were a gift to Roermond to celebrate its 750th anniversary in 1982. More on the city of Roermond on pages 18 & 19.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 5 February	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Thursday 16 February	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Sunday 19 February	<u>"Sunday Brunch"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: \$12.00	
	(More details on page 8)	
Friday 24 February	<u>"End of The Month Drinks"</u>	5.30-7.30 pm
Sunday 26 February	<u>"Private Function"</u>	1.00 pm
Wed 29 February	<u>"Broome Remembrance Day"</u>	11.00 am
	(More details on page 7 & 12)	

Note: "No Wednesday Card Club Activity on this Day"

Thursday 1 March	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Sunday 4 March	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Thursday 15 March	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Thursday 29 March	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 30 March	<u>"End of The Month Drinks"</u>	5.30-7.30 pm
Sunday 1 April	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Thursday 12 April	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Thursday 26 April	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 27 April	<u>"End of The Month Drinks"</u>	5.30-7.30 pm
	<i>Celebrates Oranje Dag with a</i>	
	<i>"Speelgoed en Kinderkleding Ruil"</i>	
Sunday 29 April	<u>"Koninginne Dag"- Open Day"</u>	

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Private Members Parties:

For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:
Pieter Leeflang on: 9364 6703 or Lianna Parker on: 0419 181 154
Costs for using our Clubhouse facilities are:
Use of Hall \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen \$100.00 (Incl. GST)

Dear members,

First of all I would like to wish all our members a Happy & Healthy New Year (een Voorspoedig en Gezond Nieuw Jaar) and if you made any New Year's resolutions, that they may all be kept and fulfilled.

On a personal note I have made several resolutions, all to do with lifestyle and I can guarantee you they will be fulfilled this year. How much that will affect my role at Neerlandia will be divulged over the coming months.

It has been a very hectic time at Neerlandia with all the social events that were held leading up to the festive season and left me absolutely drained.

The end result of all this was that in previous years, during the holiday break, we usually did a lot of work and maintenance at the clubhouse, but this year that work was restricted to Fridays only. But we still got quite a bit of work done, mainly due to the dedicated assistance from Tony Horsten and Henk Hanemaaijer. Thanks guys.

Library Area clean-up:

Modifications to the Dutch Aged Care office have almost been completed and all that remains now is a clean-up of the Library area and adjoining store room. However, this work needs to be done in conjunction with Dutch Aged Care as a lot of the equipment belongs to them.

There will also be some excess furniture which will be surplus to requirements and we will put that in the Entrance area next to the Library with a token price on it for members to purchase.

We also have a stack of about 10 wooden trestle tables, which are now surplus to our requirements. Is anyone interested in all or some of them? Please contact me or come in on any Friday morning and make us an offer.

Recent Social Events:

Since our last newsletter we have had a lot of activity in our clubhouse and reports on those can be seen further on in this issue.

All the functions were well attended and the highlight was no doubt the sold-out "Christmas around the World" concert by the Dutch Singers. Keep your eyes open for their Mid-year concert at Neerlandia.

Upcoming Events:

Besides the regular monthly events such as the End of the Month Drinks and the Sunday Klaverjas



Drives, there are a couple of events I would like to mention. Firstly there is a Sunday Brunch on Sunday the 19th of February. The Thursday Night Klaverjas Club Committee has invited their members to attend but other members of course are more than welcome. What it means there will be a good attendance and there should be a good atmosphere.

Broome Bombardment Remembrance Day:

70 years ago Broome was bombed. During the attack many Dutch civilians, who were being evacuated from Indonesia, died a tragic death trapped aboard the 15 allied flying boats attacked in Roebuck Bay. There will be activities organized in Broome on the 2nd and 3rd of March

Here in Perth on Wednesday the 29th of February there will be a private ceremony at the Dutch Annex at Karakatta, followed by a host of activities in the Neerlandia Clubhouse. Details on pages 7 & 12.

The Wednesday Card Club has volunteered to postpone their weekly activity and I would like to thank them sincerely for their co-operation.

Memberships:

The 2012 Memberships are due and payable. But please fill in your personal details on a membership renewal form when you pay.

That way we know who the payment belongs to; don't forget that with 400, it is likely that there are more people with the same surname as you. An added bonus is that we can pick up any changes in address or telephone number for our records.

Blank Membership forms are always on the bar in the clubhouse.

New Neerlandia Committee Member:

The last vacant position on the Neerlandia Committee has been filled. The new Committee member is Robert van Straalen, who was appointed until the next AGM in September.

Robert is an experienced accountant and has extensive experience in wholesale and retail. His appointment is an asset to the Committee especially with Neerlandia's long term future in mind.

Pieter Leeftang,
Your president



GET WELL SOON

To those members who are not feeling too well, who are ill, injured or who are battling a severe illness, the Neerlandia Committee wish you all the very best and above all, a full and speedy recovery.

Information about our clubs & our members

Neerlandia Cardclub News

By the time you read this article, we are well and truly into our new competition, which in reality started on the 18th of December 2011, the day on which we held our end of year wind-up.

That evening was a great success since all of our 48 members were present. The committee had decided to allow the Klaverjas players only two games and the Bolivia players only one game so as to have some additional time to celebrate our end of the year. During the card games all members were given a free drink voucher and our bar manager Pieter Leeftang and his staff had kindly agreed to man the bar to serve these free drinks. Thanks Pieter for your cooperation.

When the card games were finished, the tables were re-arranged into two long rows and the ladies of our committee and a volunteer had prepared plates of finger-food and placed these on the tables. When all the members had been served their drinks, everyone sat down to enjoy each others' company as well as the snacks and drinks. Then it was time to announce the winners of the last competition of the year and the prizes were handed out as follows:

Bolivia Club

Weekly players: Mrs Bosland winner of draw \$10
Fortnightly players: Mrs Baggen highest score \$10

Klaverjas Club

1st prize with a score of 75901 Mr T. Gorter \$25
(also most marsen 28)
2nd prize with a score of 75604 Mrs F. Hovingh \$20
3rd prize with a score of 74791 Mr A. Kievit \$10

Average score prize 70974 Mrs C. van Rijt \$10
(actual average 70882)
Marsen prize with 28 marsen Mrs R. van Emden \$10
(same as 1st prize winner)



Our congratulations to all the above winners and if you did not win a prize, better luck next competition. After the prizes had been presented, we continued with the handing out of our Christmas hampers, but first there was a short interruption when the secretary handed the score master unexpectedly a nice bottle of wine on behalf of all

the members. This of course was greatly appreciated and thankfully accepted.

Mr and Mrs Udinga had procured a very nice variety of products for our X-mas hampers and we are grateful for their efforts. Not only did they order all products but particularly Alex also had to handle all these products as they arrived at the premises, which involved hard physical labour. Therefore our thanks go out to both Janny and Alex for a job well done. The other committee members assisted in the filling of the bags and we thank them as well. The time had arrived to go home and it was obvious that all members were satisfied with another successful completion of the year.

Murray Koedyk

The DJVV Christmas Lunch:

On Thursday the 8th of December De Jeugd van Vroeger (DJVV) finished their year with a Christmas Lunch, which was attended by their members and a few invited guests. As usual it was a fantastic occasion with good food and good company. All the hard work put in by their Committee really paid off. Congratulations.

Pieter Leeftang.



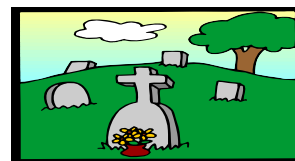
Nel Stapelbroek (President) wishes all a Merry Christmas.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The following Member
has passed away late 2011

Mr. R. Dijkman of Martin

Our sincere condolences go to all their families
from the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA



May He Rest in Peace.

Sunday Klaverjas Drives.



*De eerste twee
Klaverjas Drives in
2012 worden
gehouden op
Zondag 5 February
en Zondag 4 Maart.*

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ZWARTE BESSEN Jenever	\$40.00 PER LITER
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KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
MILLWOOD LIQUEUR	\$30.00 per 700 ML
DIKKE ADVOCAT	\$30.00 per 700 ML

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—1.00 pm



PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN:

Every 2nd Tuesday from:
10.00 am—12 noon
Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

**The next End of month Drinks will be held
on Friday the 24th of February 2012.**

**The Clubhouse will be open from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with
old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a
Dutch snack or just a cup of coffee!**

Available from our Kitchen:

**Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Krokot! Broodje
Frikandel! Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!**

The Neerlandia “Winkel” will be open!

Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome.

Spotlight on:

Richard van Leeuwen who generously donated money to the Club and also a warm "thank you" to **Tony Bazen**, who too, pleasantly surprised us with a financial donation.

Table top donations are still very much appreciated and we received two very welcome donations from **Frans & Dina Verharen & Connie van Emden**. Thank you both for your donations. Very much appreciated.

Peter van der Wedden donated 2 children's DVDs to entertain the children while the parents enjoy a drink and a snack during the End of Month Drinks.

Ben Hovingh was kind enough to change two very wobbly tables into beautifully painted and sturdy pieces of furniture.

I would also like to draw attention to **Marieke vd Berg** and myself as we are fundraising to update the Children's Paradise by selling stubby holders at \$8 each. The orange "Neerlandia" stubby holders have proven to be very popular and a second lot is on its way – get your orders in soon.

A while ago a member of the Dutch Community did some work for the Club. In return for his efforts we circulated an email informing my email contacts that Albert-Jan was returning to The Netherlands and that he wanted to sell his car.

Within 4 days the car was sold to a Dutch person who had recently arrived in Perth.

Are you selling something or do you know of an activity that you would like to share with the Dutch Community in Perth? Send us an email and we will make it a:

Neerlandia – Dutch Community Announcement.

Although it is quite a while ago, I would like to reflect on the November End of Month Drinks, which was the last one for 2011.

As November and December are socially very busy months for the Club, everyone attending the drinks on November 27 found the main hall set up for a function to be held the following day. We were a bit conscious of the set up but, with one table allocated for the Friday night drinks, everything worked out perfectly well. It was a relief to see that it is possible to have the Hall set up for a separate function with the usual crowd enjoying themselves on the Friday evening.

We had between 75 and 80 people turning up and much to our delight we had lots of volunteers who had previously told us that they would like to help

the kitchen staff with the distribution of the ordered snacks. We now even have people offering to assist in the kitchen. This is a great relief for the kitchen staff and every one had great fun in the kitchen that night. Each month we are enjoying improvement of the organizational part of the night.

Like previous months, club members and non club members dropped in and brought with them visiting guests from the Netherlands, which is always good to see. Also like previous months, we met different people again so all in all, the End of Month drinks are now a well established monthly event – if you have not been yet, why not drop in and bring some friends during the End of Month Drinks, held on every last Friday of the Month.

Gezondheid!

Lianna Parker
Secretary

Mystery Membership Payment:

One of our members has deposited a \$60.00 membership renewal payment directly into our bank account. Our Bank Statement mentioned that the funds came from the Bank of Queensland and that the amount was for a membership payment, but there was no mention **who** the payment was from. Please let us know who you are, as we cannot process your payment, nor send you a membership card and later on you may receive a reminder that your fees have not been paid!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
THE FOLLOWING NEW
MEMBERS JOINED
THE DUTCH SOCIETY
NEERLANDIA

Diana den Hoedt
Jaap Streppel
Maaïke Kemner
Marieke Weerheim
Ric and Sonja van der Feltz
Elisabeth de Bont
Henk Vogels
Dirk Kotzee

Broome Memorial Service & New Year's Celebration



THE ASSOCIATED NETHERLANDS SOCIETIES OF WA (ANSA) and THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA



Will be commemorating the:
“70th Anniversary of the Bombing of Roebuck Bay- Broome”
which occurred on the 3rd of March 1942.

A Commemorative Memorial Service will take place on Wednesday the 29th February 2012 at the Dutch Annex, Perth War Cemetery in Smyth Road – Nedlands.
Unfortunately, due to limited space at the Annex this service will be by *'Invitation Only'*.

After the service, at about 11.15 am Members of the Dutch Community are invited to come along to the Clubhouse – Dutch Society Neerlandia 230 Cambridge Street, Wembley and join special guests, who will include survivors of the bombing, for a friendly get-together; a few very interesting speeches plus a visual display.

Snacks will be available from the Neerlandia Kitchen
Drinks available from a well stocked Neerlandia Bar

For additional information please see the ANSA insert on Pages 12 – 16.

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New Year's celebration at Neerlandia:

This event was held on Monday the 2nd of January, as Sunday was New Year's Day.

Monday was a Public Holiday and the members did appreciate that it was on that day, as we had about 55 bookings.

The clubhouse opened early and the day started with our kitchen volunteers serving everyone with a cup of coffee and plates with delicious “Appelflappen”, which were placed on the tables. And did they taste good!

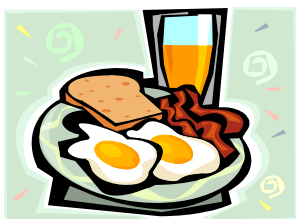
At 11.30 the musical DVD started, only to be paused after one hour for Lunch, which on this occasion was a ‘Broodje Kroket’ with Chips and Salad.

As soon as lunch was finished and the dishes had been removed it was time for the Musical DVD to restart. That took another 1 1/2 hours, a bit long according to some comments, but just the same everyone enjoyed the show. As soon as it was finished, our volunteers put a few nibbles on the tables followed by cheese platters. The bar remained open and we played some nice sing-a-long Dutch Music. Then it was time to go home after a long day.

Pieter Leeftang.



OUR NEXT BRUNCH WILL BE ON SUNDAY THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY AT 10.00 AM



Brunch

Sunday 19 February 2012

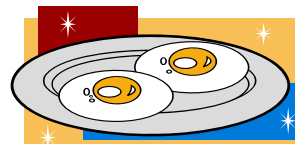
Come and join our "Sunday Brunch" with the members of the Thursday Klaverjas Club.

Enjoy an "Uitsmijter" and all sorts of other Dutch Breakfast Foods. Celebrate a Birthday with your family or invite your friends to join.

We serve unlimited Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice.



Adults: \$12.00
Children: \$ 6.00



For catering purposes,
pre-payment is necessary
when you make your booking.

Contact: Ans van Alphen on 9342 6525 (9 am – 9 pm)

DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

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- ... Rookworst van Kasteel & van Wees
- ... Leidse & Goudse Kaas
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- ... Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- ... Groenten in glas en in blik
- ... Piccalilly & Zoet-Zure Augurken. (Bommen of Party Sticks)
- ... Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuit
- ... Gestampte Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolade Vlokken
- ... Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaasjes en Speculaas Brokken

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Elke Woensdag | van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm |
| Elke tweede Dinsdag (non - DJVV week) | van 11.00 am - noon |
| Elke tweede Donderdag (DJVV week) | van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm |
| Elke Donderdag avond | van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm |
| Iedere Vrijdag | van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm |

De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden

End of the Month Drinks in November

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This was the last “End of the Month Drinks” for the year 2011 and although we did not expect too many, once more we were pleasantly surprised that about



80 people showed up and as customary, they all seemed to have enjoyed themselves, going by their comments.

Since we incorporated a few changes to the way the kitchen operated, lengthy waiting times were a



thing of the past and everyone was served a lot quicker. Some younger helpers, who distributed the food to the tables were tremendous and they all



deserve a big thank-you.

The youngsters that were there did enjoy our latest addition to the children's area, which were three



Joska Stroobach and Nonja Peters met up at Neerlandia



Oops, the barman overfilled the glass, but it is a pity to let it go to waste.

donated TV's and some video games.

While our volunteers were busy serving all our hungry and thirsty guests, Lianna and Marieke were busy discussing with the younger people ways and means of getting them more involved with Neerlandia in order to secure our own very future. When you read this article the January End of Month Drinks are already a thing of the past and the next one will be on Friday the 27th of February.

Pieter Leeftang



Dutch Singers: Christmas around the world

Christmas around the World:

On Sunday the 18th of December, which was the last Sunday before Christmas, the Dutch Singers once again excelled themselves when they presented their traditional Christmas Concert.



Henry Koldenhoven selling Lunch Tickets to Teunis Maaskant and a Guest, with in the background some beautiful made-up baskets, which were raffle prizes.



This year they called the concert: “Christmas around the World”, which was very appropriate as the repertoire included songs in other languages besides English and Dutch.

As customary the event was sold out and those that managed to get a ticket were not disappointed. The doors opened early to give everyone time to enjoy a

bottomless cup of coffee and to purchase food tickets either for Dutch Appeltaart or for Lunch Snacks from our kitchen. Our Kitchen & Bar volunteers worked very hard to keep up with the heavy demand, but they coped remarkably well.



Vera Horsten giving a great solo performance.

Thank you all, it was appreciated!

Matty Mentz, the conductor, managed to get the most out of her charges and Ron Wilson, their MC, brought the house down on several occasions.

The afternoon started with the Dutch Singers entering a darkened Hall in single file waving lit candles, while singing “the Little Drummer Boy”. Later on in the concert there were some sterling solo performances by John Auf den Kampe, Vera Horsten and the comical Ron Wilson.

Towards the end of the concert the raffle was drawn. This was followed by a very nice gesture, which was the donations by the Choir of a cheque to the Dutch Radio and Dutch Aged Care.

The capacity crowd went home very satisfied, having enjoyed once again the Dutch Singers at their best and I personally would like to thank them, not only for their great performance, but also for the kind gesture that the entire proceeds, less some overhead expenses, went to the Dutch Society Neerlandia.

Pieter Leeftang.



NEERLANDIA COMPUTER LESSONS

Our computer lessons for beginners have started up once again and will be conducted by Ad Liebrechts and/or Alf Ukich on Friday mornings in the Clubhouse from 10.00 am – noon.



They will be able to assist you with your software problems, but you need to bring your own laptop. Please contact Ad Liebrechts.

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This service is free for our Members, but there will be a small charge for Coffee served.



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If you would like to contribute any articles for the ANSWA Newsletter, please contact the Neerlandia Editor, Pieter Leeftang, PO Box 200, WEMBLEY WA 6913

Dear Readers,

Firstly, let me wish you all a very happy and healthy 2012. I hope you all had a lovely break over this Christmas and New Year period.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter - on the 3rd of March 2012 it will be 70 years since the allies, of which there were many Dutch, were attacked by the Japanese at Broome. This is a very significant event as it is the first time that Australia was attacked by a foreign power. The attack in Darwin came later.

To recognise the importance of this event there will be commemorations both in Broome and in Perth. The Broome commemoration will take place on the 3rd of March in Broome and the Dutch Community is welcome to join that events.

ANSWA will be holding their Commemoration service on the **29th February**, but unfortunately, due to 'limited' space at the Karrakatta Annex, it will be by invitation only, however ANSWA in combination with Neerlandia will hold a reception at the Neerlandia Clubhouse on **February the 29th starting at 11.15am.**

The event is an open day event and everyone from the Dutch Community, who are interested are invited to come along to the Neerlandia Clubhouse. The bar will be open and you will also be able to get your coffee and other Dutch snacks from the kitchen as required. The shop will open as well.

We are very lucky to have survivors from the Broome attack at our commemoration.

Mr. Wijnand Kramer will attend.

Mr Winckel, who unfortunately is ill, will be represented by his son,.

Mr. Winckel was at the Broome airstrip when nine Zeros struck. He pulled a machine gun from its mounting and made a stand behind a sawn off tree. He managed to shoot at one of the Zeros. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his bravery.

The Japanese destroyed 16 flying boats 'Catalinas' and 7 aircraft on Broome's airstrip.

We will be putting together an exhibit at Neerlandia that will give visitors the opportunity to see what happened at Broome on the 3rd of March 1942. Several people will also be presenting short speeches. One of the speakers will be Mr Doug Hurst, author of the book 'The Fourth Ally'.

He will be highlighting the role of the Dutch in Australia in WW11.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Neerlandia Clubhouse on Wednesday the **29th of February 2012.**
Anne Rietveld

ADBC: Australian Dutch Business Community.

Het Nederlandse business network heeft weer een paar stappen voorwaarts gemaakt.



We hebben nu een naam, een structuur, een bestuur, algemene beginselen en activiteiten gepland voor 2012. Om met de naam te beginnen; vorig jaar hebben we tijdens een van de recepties ideeën gevraagd voor een naam voor onze business network. Prachtige namen kwamen voorbij, zoals YAMIYAD (You Ain't

Much If You Ain't Dutch) en NBN (Netherlands Business Network) die buiten hun poëtische schoonheid toch minder praktisch waren. Uiteindelijk is er gekozen voor **ADBC: Australian Dutch Business Community**. Een paar belangrijke beginselen zijn reeds in de naam verweven: het is een zaken 'club', het is voor mensen die voor Nederlandse bedrijven werken of bedrijven die een relatie met Nederland hebben. De relatie met Australia is verder van fundamenteel belang en daarom wilden we dat dit ook in de naam terugkomt. Tenslotte is er gekozen voor het woord 'community' in plaats van Chamber, Council of Club omdat we dit wat moderner en warmer vonden klinken. Bovendien benadrukt het ook het belang van het samen doen, delen en leren, ondermeer gebruik makend van internet en social media.

ADBC is opgezet als een not-for-profit organisatie, zodat op verantwoorde wijze met sponsoren en memberships omgegaan kan worden. Momenteel zijn we het membership programma verder aan het



uitwerken en dit zal in de loop van het jaar geïmplementeerd worden. We proberen alles wel zo eenvoudig, lichtvoetig en 'clean' te houden zodat we geen logge bestuurlijke toestanden krijgen maar ons gewoon kunnen toeleggen op de dingen waar het om gaat: zakendoen, leren en plezier.

Afgelopen 14 december hadden we de ADBC Kerstreceptie. Het was deze keer extra speciaal,



vanwege de ISAF Sailing World Cup die op dat moment in Fremantle werd gehouden. De Ambassadeur Willem Andrae (zelf een voormalig wedstrijd zeezeiler) was o.a. voor deze gelegenheid in Perth en we hadden daarmee het geluk hem op onze receptie te mogen ontvangen. Vanwege ISAF vonden we het toepasselijk om de receptie in Fremantle te houden, in de Deck Bar van Little Creatures. Het was een prachtige avond, uitkijkend over de oceaan, met zo'n 120 man/vrouw van ADBC, de Ambassadeur, maar ook het Nederlandse ISAF zeilteam. Het was zeer inspirerend om met deze topsporters, waarvan sommige ook deel uitmaken van het Olympisch team, te kunnen spreken in een informele setting. De receptie was een groot succes en hoewel het officieel tot 7pm duurde waren er om 8.30pm nog steeds mensen aanwezig. Een groot compliment aan het personeel van Little Creatures die het allemaal prima vonden en ons met een grote glimlach bleven voorzien van hapjes en drankjes.

In 2012 zal ADBC een aantal formele en informele bijeenkomsten organiseren. Zoals een aantal events met keynote speakers, bijeenkomsten rondom speciale momenten, bijvoorbeeld als het Nationaal hockey team overkomt voor pre-olympische oefenwedstrijden, of deelname aan de herdenking van de Broome slachtoffers. Verder zullen we activiteiten organiseren rondom Koninginnedag en Kerst. Voor meer informatie, zie onze website www.adbc.com.au. **Arnold Stroobach.**



PRESS RELEASE

Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Canberra (12 January, 2012)

70th Anniversary of Broome Air Raid

3 March 2012 marks the 70th anniversary of the Broome Air Raid by Japanese forces during the Second World War. Services to commemorate this day will be held in Broome and Perth.

In the early morning of 3 March 1942 Japanese forces bombed the city of Broome. During the attack many Dutch civilians, who were being evacuated from Indonesia, died a tragic death trapped aboard the 15 allied flying boats bombed in Roebuck Bay.

Broome, 2 and 3 March 2012

On 2 March Dutch Ambassador Willem Andreae will host a Dutch commemorative gathering in the Mercure Hotel in Broome. He will welcome Dutch survivors and family, members of the Dutch community and press. Gus Winckel, the now 99 year-old Dutch pilot and war-hero, famous for downing a Japanese Zero with a hand-held machine gun, will be guest of honor at the Dutch gathering.

On 3 March, the Shire of Broome, in collaboration with the Broome RSL and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, will organize a commemoration service to mark the 70th anniversary of the air raid.

The service will be held in Bedford Park at 8 am, in close proximity to Roebuck Bay, where some of the flying boat wrecks still remain.

During the commemoration services an interpretive sign as well as a booklet with new material on the air raids and several interviews with survivors will be presented during the commemoration.

The Aboriginal community of Beagle Bay will take part in the ceremonies. The community played an important role in rescuing the pilot and crew of a Dutch DC3 that had been downed north of Broome, at Carnot Bay.

Invitation 2 and 3 March

The Netherlands Embassy would like to invite press and members of the Dutch community to attend the Dutch informative gathering on 2 March 2012 at 4 pm in the Mercure Hotel, Broome. Please register for catering purposes. The Commemoration on 3 March 2012 in Broome is open to the public. The Netherlands Embassy would like to invite all who are interested to join us in the commemoration of this tragic event on 3 March 2012 in Broome.

Perth, 29 February 2012

On 29 February the air raid will also be commemorated at the Karakatta cemetery in Perth, where the remains of many of the Dutch air raid victims have been buried.

Emma Verheijke, Cultural Affairs & Public Diplomacy

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(Editor's Note: For the Perth program please see pages 7 & 12 of this magazine)

MEDIA RELEASE

Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Canberra (16 January, 2012)

New opportunities for Dutch-Australian mutual heritage cooperation will be presented at the Australian Dutch Heritage Day Reception and Launch of the Mutual Heritage Platform, 20 February 2012 & Australian-Dutch Heritage Day, 21 February 2012

Looking ahead to the 400th anniversary in 2016 of Dirk Hartog's arrival on the coast of Australia the Centre for International Heritage Activities in collaboration with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Western Australian Museum are organizing the Australian-Dutch Heritage Day.

The Heritage Day will take place on 21 February, in the Western Australian Museum - Maritime in Fremantle.

During the official opening reception in the evening of the 20th of February the Online Mutual Heritage Platform 'Cultural Heritage Connections' will be launched.

The heritage relations between the Netherlands and Australia go back more than 400 years. After the first expedition in 1606, several vessels from the Dutch East India Company wrecked off the coast of the Western Australia. In the recent decades four wrecks have been discovered dating back to the VOC period. In addition to maritime related heritage, migration of Dutch families after the Second World War led to strong ties between both countries.

ANSWA NEWSLETTER

The Dutch-Australian Mutual Heritage Platform 'Cultural Heritage Connections' will be launched on the 20th of February. This online platform is the direct result of an inventory conducted in the spring of 2011 by the CIE with support of the Netherlands Embassy in Canberra. It aims to give an overview of the heritage cooperation between the Netherlands and Australia, creates a better understanding of the possibilities and opportunities for future cooperation, promotes projects and presents new developments in the heritage field. Hundreds of projects, experts and organizations from the Dutch-Australian mutual heritage field can be found on the platform.

The Australian-Dutch Heritage Day, held on 21 February in Fremantle, will be a physical platform where knowledge, lessons learned and best practices can be shared. The general theme will be "Strengthening the Australian-Dutch Mutual Heritage Relations". Experts in the fields of maritime, mercantile, migration and military mutual heritage relations will exchange their views and experiences through presentations and discussions. One of the main discussions will be on Maritime Heritage Relations. Researchers will present recent findings on the discovery of possible ships that wrecked in their effort to travel from the Cape to Java. Participants are encouraged to join the plenary discussions.

For more information on the Reception and the Heritage Day, contact the CIE.

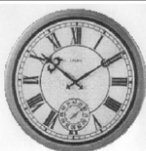
Reception location and time: Western Australian Museum – Shipwreck Galleries, Cliff Street, Fremantle, Western Australia, 6160. Starts at 6:00pm

Heritage Day location and time: Western Australian Museum – Maritime, Victoria Quay, Fremantle, Western Australia, 6160. Starts at 9:30am

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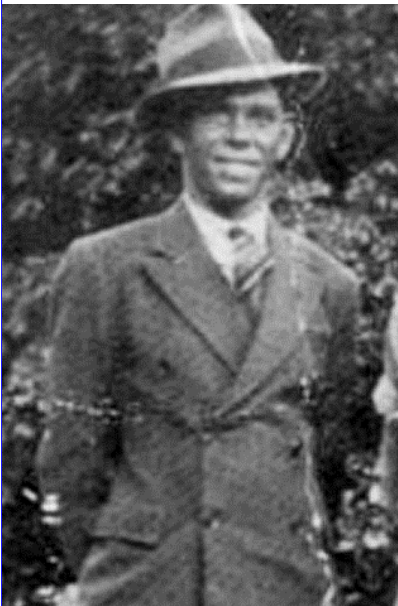
'ROEBUCK BAY WARRIORS'

Just recently I was reading a book written by a Jan James titled "Forever Warriors".

Right in the beginning is a 'Dedication' to a Mr Charles D'Antoine. I then realized that I knew of this man many years ago – a local from the Derby/Broome area of our state and where I had lived for almost 13 years.

I became engrossed once I read:

"This book is dedicated to the late Charles D'Antoine who carried out extreme acts of bravery at Roebuck Bay in Broome WA 1942".



Charles D'Antoine

As we will be commemorating the 70th Anniversary of this very event, on the 29th February, I thought it is only just and fitting that Mr D'Antoine be acknowledged for the part that he so heroically played on that terrible & tragic day.

Charles, an aboriginal man from One Arm Point, just 23 years of age in 1942 was waiting in Broome to join the Army. Filling in time

he obtained a job refuelling the 'Flying boats' in Roebuck Bay. These 'flying boats' were evacuating Dutch citizens from Java as the Japanese were just moving in.

Little did Charles or anyone else know that on that morning of the 3rd March 1942 the area of Roebuck Bay would be the scene of an horrendous yet historic event.

The Dutch refugees were all aboard the aircraft as Charles was refuelling when he noticed enemy fighter planes drawing closer and then begin their attack on the 'flying boats'.

With the only dinghy already taken by 2 other people there was nothing else to do but to swim. Charles was a strong swimmer and familiar with these waters.

Seeing Charles take to the water a woman clasping her child followed him and although she could swim she was in a state of shock and of course distraught; and then being weighed down by the child in the fast running tide she soon began to sink. Charles swam to her and supported her and the child, and in sign language he reassured her that they would all be okay.

Once the firing had stopped some people in another boat saw them and picked them up.

That in itself was certainly a heroic feat on the part of Mr D'Antoine and yet he continued to assist helping others who were in the water.

He did go on to say that he was concerned about the sharks in the water!

Charles went on to receive a 'Certificate of Merit' from the Royal Humane Society of Australia for rescuing the woman and her child. The Royal Netherlands Air Force awarded him with a medal for his bravery.

On that day the 3rd March 1942 there were 5 other aboriginal men who played a part in rescuing Dutch Evacuees in the North West – Jerry Dardan of Lombardina Mission, Robin Hunter & Paddy Torres of Broome and also a Joe Jinjarri and a Paddy. Extracts from a report in the Daily News 1942 by a War Correspondent 'Harry Potter':

"Native saves Dutch Evacuees in North West"

"When a party of Dutch people were stranded on the North West coast of Australia they were sorely in need of food and water. Scores of miles from any other white men and women they faced stark tragedy which would undoubtedly have overtaken the whole party but for the succour given them by a full-blooded aboriginal.

He is 25 year old powerfully built Jerrie Dardan of the Bardi tribe (One Arm Point) and both the Dutch authorities and the West Australian Government rewarded him for what he did."

"Although he worked at coastal ports Dardan has never lost his inclinations to roam the bush.

Normally when evacuated inland he would have gone by truck but he and the other 2 natives preferred to walk the 100 miles to their objective.

Some of the stranded Dutch people set out for help believing that the nearest port was about 25 miles away. Actually it was more than twice that distance. They were on the point of exhaustion when the natives encountered them.

Jerrie's companions immediately made off into the bush believing the strangers were Japanese but Dardan concealed himself until he was satisfied that they were 'white fella'. Soon he was helping them to his meagre rations and water.

After guiding them to permanent water Jerrie made all speed to a native mission 40 miles away and joined in the rescue party which brought all the survivors to safety."

Without doubt there are many more stories of bravery; incidents that took place on that day in and around Broome.

I thought these two were definitely worth a mention. 'Thanks to Jan James for information gleaned from her book 'Forever Warriors' and from the Internet'.

By Henny Crijns



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Beste en trouwe luisteraar,

Na bijna 16 jaar moeten Jenny en ik helaas afscheid nemen van Dutch Community Radio. Ik schrijf helaas, omdat we het graag anders hadden gezien, maar recent is het met mijn gezondheid niet de goede kant uit gegaan en zijn wij verplicht ons leven anders in te gaan delen.



Gelukkig hebben we kans gezien om gedurende de afgelopen periode een hecht team samen te stellen en wij zijn er beiden van overtuigd dat zij een goed en misschien wel beter radio programma voor u, onze luisteraars, kunnen brengen.

Bovenstaand een foto van het team, waar Jenny en ik nog deel van waren en rechts het team van de toekomst, bestaande uit v.l.n.r. Vera Horsten, Robert Wegman, Harry Crijns, Margaret Baltes, Peter van der Wedden, Bettina Tonkin en Theo van de Peppel. Er ontbreekt één team lid, namelijk Dirk van Rij, die deze dag moest werken. Dirk is de laatste aanwinst van het team en heeft in januari de test als panel operator met goed gevolg afgelegd.

Robert is en blijft de financiële man, Margaret verzorgt de mededelingen en Nieuws van het Net, Harry neemt het voorzitterschap over tot aan de jaarvergadering en wordt tevens de tussenpersoon tussen DCR en MRTA, de organisatie die 6EBA FM runt. Peter gaat zorg dragen voor het rooster van wie er "ON AIR" is en Theo draagt zorg voor het muziek gedeelte van het programma.

Het secretariaat wordt tijdelijk waargenomen door Kay Wegman en gezien haar administratieve achtergrond is zeker in capabele handen.

Zoals u ziet zijn de taken mooi verdeeld



Jenny en ik wensen het team alle succes toe voor de toekomst en wij hopen dat u, als luisteraars, ook uw support achter het team wilt en zult zetten en hen in de toekomst als donateurs blijft steunen. Tenslotte is het van groot belang dat The Dutch van zich laten horen.

Wij wensen u nog veel luister plezier

Jenny en Aat Kievit

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The historic city of Roermond

ROERMOND



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Roermond is a city, a municipality and a diocese in the south-eastern part of the Netherlands, situated in the middle of the province of Limburg and it is bordered by the Maas River to the west and Germany to the east.

The city of Roermond is a historically important town, on the lower Roer at the east bank of the Meuse river. It received city rights in 1231. Population 2011: 55,595.

Roermond town centre has been designated as a conservation area.

HISTORY

From around 1180 -1543, Roermond belonged to the duchy of Guelders. In 1213 Roermond was destroyed by Otto IV of Brunswick, the Holy Roman Emperor and German King. By 1232 the city had been rebuilt and was given its own seal, own reign, own mint, and its own court.

The first mention of the monastery of the Franciscan Friars Minor, the "Minderbroederklooster", was in 1309.

In 1361 the Chapter of the Holy Spirit moved from St. Odiliënberg to Roermond.

Around 1350 Roermond became the capital of the "Overkwartier van Gelre" (Upper Quarter of Gelre). In 1388, during the Hundred Years' War, a siege by the French occurred. A battle for the outer fortifications Buiten Op, destruction of these fortifications and the old parish church followed.

In 1441, Roermond became a member of the Hanseatic League, and by 1472 acquired the right to mint its own coins.

SPANISH NETHERLANDS

From 1543-1702 the area was part of the Spanish Netherlands.

On 23 April 1568 the Battle of Rheindalen occurred near Roermond, which signaled the start of the Eighty Years' War. In 1572, Roermond was occupied by the Dutch William the Silent, but was recaptured by the Spanish duke Fadrique Álvarez de Toledo.

Under Spanish rule, Roermond became a bastion of the Counter-Reformation. On behalf of the Inquisition, people were encouraged to report suspects of witchcraft and heresy. In 1613, 64 presumed witches were burnt on the Galgeberg hill near the Kapel in het Zand in Roermond, the biggest witch trial in the Netherlands ever.

In 1632 the Dutch Stadhouder Frederik Hendrik conquered Venlo, Roermond and Maastricht during his famous "March along the Meuse". Attempts in the coming years to annex Antwerp and Brussels failed however. The northern Dutch were disappointed by the lack of local support. The Counter-Reformation had firmly reattached the local population to Roman Catholicism, and they now distrusted the Calvinist Northerners even more than they loathed the Spanish occupiers.

From 1632 and 1637, Roermond was under the control of the Dutch Republic, and again from 1702 to 1716.

Between 1716 and 1794, it was part of the Austrian Netherlands within the Habsburg Monarchy.



Fadrique Álvarez de Toledo

FRENCH PERIOD

On 11 December 1792, during the French Revolutionary Wars, the French under General De Miranda conquered Roermond, but by 5 March 1793, was under Habsburg control again. The city was again occupied by the French on 5 April 1794 and officially became part of the French département Meuse-Inférieure from 1795 to 1814.

In 1814, during the War of the Sixth Coalition, Roermond was liberated by the Russians.

KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS



King William I

After the Anglo-Dutch Treaty of 1814 Roermond became part of the new Kingdom of the Netherlands. The new province was to receive the name "Maastricht", after its capital. King William, who did not want the name Limburg to be lost, insisted that the name be changed to Limburg. As such, the name of the new province derived from the old duchy of Limburg, that had existed until 1648 within the triangle Maastricht - Liège - Aachen. When the Netherlands and Belgium separated in 1830, there was support for adding Limburg to Belgium, but in the end (1839) the province was divided in two, with the eastern part going to the Netherlands and the western part to Belgium. From that time, Dutch Limburg was, as the new Duchy of Limburg, also part of the German Confederation. Between 1940 to 1945, during World War II, the Germans occupied Roermond. The city was liberated on 1 March 1945 by the Recce Troop of the 35th US Infantry Division during Operation Grenade. By the time of liberation 90% of all buildings were either damaged or destroyed. Restoration gave back the old city centre its full glory.

The historic city of Roermond

THE MUNSTER CHURCH

In July 1554, 950 out of 1300 houses were burnt down and in 1665 Roermond burnt again, this time more than two-thirds of the houses, convents and churches were devastated! Roermond still has a lot of churches and the most famous are St.Christopher's Cathedral and the Munster church.

In 1410 St.Christopher's church was moved to the market square, inside the new town wall. On top is a huge statue of St.Christopher watching over Roermond.

The Munster church was originally an abbey-church, established in 1224 by Count Gerard van Gelre. Count Gerard and his wife Margaretha van Brabant are buried in a beautiful tomb in the church. In the 19th century the architect Pierre Cuypers added bigger towers on the east and west side. His statue stands on the Munster Square looking at the Munster Church.

Pierre Cuypers built 68 churches all over the Netherlands, as well as the Central Railway Station and the National Gallery (Rijksmuseum) in Amsterdam. He also worked in Belgium, Germany and France. Another world-famous workshop was that of Joep Nicolas and his sons. They made beautiful glass-stained windows and often worked together with Pierre Cuypers. There are still a lot of artists living and working in Roermond.

On May 27, 1990, four Australian tourists were shot in the Roermond city centre, two of whom later died. Because they were driving around in a British car, terrorists linked to the IRA thought they were British soldiers. The two men were lawyers on holiday.

In 1992 an earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter scale shook the town. The damage remained limited owing to the fact that the seism occurred at a depth of approximately 17 kilometers. **The total damage was estimated at 170 million guilders.**

It damaged a lot of historical monuments in Roermond, but thankfully they have all managed to be restored.



Munster Church



RattenToren (Rat's Tower)

The Rattentoren ('Rat's tower') is the only survivor of what once were 27 towers protecting the city during the medieval period. As was common in medieval times, the city of Roermond was surrounded by a wall with lookout towers as part of its fortification system.

The tower is constructed out of marl, with layers of much harder brick on the outside. It probably dates from the 14th century. Of the city-walls only a few remain.

WATER SPORT

A mere stone's throw from the town itself, situated along the river Maas (Meuse), lies the extensive lake district known as the "Maasplassen", a 3,000 hectare chain of lakes, both large and small. Idyllic green landscapes and vast expanses of water provide the ultimate recreation grounds for all water sports enthusiasts and swimmers, anglers, sun worshippers and lovers of nature. There is something for everybody thanks to the wide variety of beaches, marinas and campsites. The banks of the Meuse are the backdrop for exclusive homes and hotels, restaurants and favourite spots for tourists.



Maria Theresia Bridge



St Christopher Cathedral



The Harbour

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.

St Nicholas Brunch

St Nicholas Brunch:

This traditional event for the grown-ups was held on Sunday the 29th of November, a week before the actual Saint Nicholas Day. But that did not prevent the many people from attending and definitely did not stop

which was a pre-payment for the day's event.

Both were prepared for the worst with both Zwarte Pieten eagerly waiting to dish out some punishment, but the Saint said that as both do such a lot of good work for Neerlandia, they would receive a reward instead of punishment.

What a relief. They both promised the Saint that they would pay more attention in future.

Then everyone received a present; this was followed

them from having a good time.

The morning started off with our customary Sunday Brunch, a bottomless cup of coffee, Orange juice and lots of typical Dutch Breakfast foods, while enjoying nice back-ground music. This in turn was followed by a delicious Dutch Uitsmijter.

Then it was time to practise a few St Nicholas songs in preparation for the Saint's imminent arrival and surely, with a lot of commotion and loud knocking on the door, the Saint and his 2 black Pieters entered the hall, with everyone singing: "Sinterklaasje kom maar binnen met je knecht".



by a photo with the Neerlandia Volunteers and then it was time to go. To the tune of "Dag Sinterklaasje, Daaaag,



Daaaaag..." Saint Nicholas and his Zwarte Pieten left. All in all a very successful and enjoyable day.

(Photos by Aat Kievit)

Pieter Leeftang.



After the customary walkthrough and greeting everyone, president Pieter Leeftang welcomed the Saint and asked him if he had a long journey all the way from the Netherlands. The Saint answered that he got stuck in Thailand, where his horse ran away and he had to continue his travels on a bicycle and just made it to Perth in time.

Then the Saint sat down in front of the stage, produced his good book and two people were

summoned to come forward. They were Alex Udinga and Freda Hovingh.

Alex lost the family's passports while on holidays in the Netherlands and Freda had misplaced a cheque,



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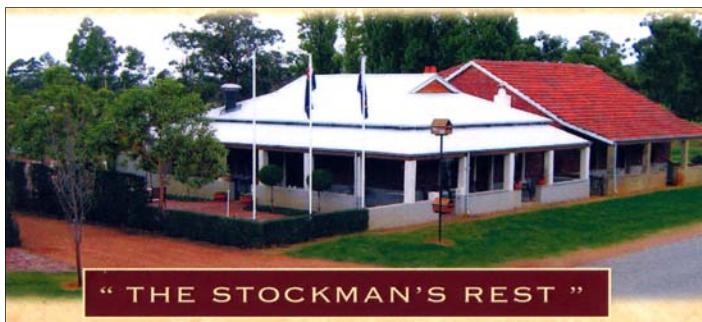
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Lied van het haveloos ventje.

**Er was een haveloos ventje,
Dat vroeg aan zijn moeder een
broek.
Maar zijn moeder verdiende geen
centje
En vader was wekenlang zoek.**

**"Ach moeder, ach geef mij geen
standje,
Er zit in mijn broekje een scheur.
En de jongens op school roepen,
Jantje, je billetjes zien we er deur".**

**Maar die moeder werd ziek van de
zorgen,
Zat stil en bedrukt in een hoek.
Er was niemand die centjes wou
borgen
En vader bleef altijd maar zoek.**

**Toen heeft zij haar rok
uitgetrokken,
De enige die zij bezat.
En zij maakte van stukken en
brokken,
Een broek voor haar enigste schat.**

**Nu konden zij Jantje niet plagen,
Nu waren zijn billen niet bloot.
Maar vòòr Jantje zijn broekje kon
dragen,
ging moeder van narigheid dood.**

**Zij stierf van het sjouwen en
slaven,
Vervloekt en verwenst bij haar
man.
En toen Jantje haar mee ging
begraven,
Toen had hij zijn broekje pas an.**

St Nicholas for the Children

St Nicholas for the Children:

This popular event was held on Sunday the 4th of December and as customary the Clubhouse was a beehive of children from 2 –14 years old and of course lots of parents and grand-parents.

On arrival the children were given tickets for Cool drinks, Lollies and Ice cream and for the adults there was Coffee and a piece of “Appeltaart”.

Pre-sold tickets were available for lunch snacks.



Joke was handing out the Cool Drinks, Ice Creams and Lollies while Ann looked after the refreshments for the grown-ups.

Soon after lunch the moment everyone had been waiting for happened and with a lot of noise St.



Nicholas made his great entrance not with one, not with two, but with five Zwarte Pieten. He went around the hall and greeted everyone, the Zwarte Pieten distributed their Pepernoten, then the Saint sat down and called forward all the children that had entered the Colouring-in competition. They



were all rewarded with a present for their efforts. Then St Nicholas said he was very tired as he had been up all night and would like a little rest. That of course was no problem as all the children went into the lounge, where they were entertained by” Mr Jim, the Magic Man” and that gave the adults



some peace and quiet to enjoy themselves with something stronger from the bar. When the magic show finished, Saint Nicholas

returned and every child received a present, brought in of course by their parents or grand-parents. Once all the



presents were all handed out, the Saint called out on our volunteers, gave them a big thank-you and it was time for Saint Nicholas to

head for Spain and everyone else to go home. A successful day at Neerlandia once again. (Photos Aat Kievit) **Pieter Leeftang.**



Raadspensionaris Schimmelpenninck.

Those of my readers who have enjoyed smoking a fine cigar, will remember the name Schimmelpenninck, those cigars with a colourful designed paper band around them with a replica painting of a man with a powdered wig. At the time you probably did not know the history behind the name of this man, once playing an important role in Dutch history, and who was skillfully used by Napoleon.

In the critical times during which the Dutch People were living when Napoleon's revolutionary armies were campaigning, it was Rutger Jan Schimmelpenninck who guided his countries fortunes. Rutger Jan was born in Deventer on the 31st October 1761, the son of a well to do wine merchant father of noble descent born out of wedlock. He studied law in Leiden and got his degree on the strength of his thesis (proefschrift) based on a hypothetical country being ruled in a democratic way as we know it at present. His political convictions turned him into an inspired follower of the Patriotic movement in the Republic. Like many others born in similar circumstances, it was very difficult, if not impossible, for him to get into influential offices of government. That was especially valid for all those born in the provinces outside Holland and Zeeland. These positions were mainly going to the long time established 'Regenten' families and nobility. This situation created a current of dissatisfaction amongst many educated youngsters at the time, the beginning of a general revolt against the establishment. The effects of the French Revolution and its ideals of freedom, equality and brotherhood were rapidly spreading and taking root in the Republic of the Seven Provinces.

For about ten years, Schimmelpenninck was a successful lawyer, practising in Amsterdam. Through his marriage on the 26th of August 1788 with wealthy Catharine Nahuys he was building up some very important connections in Amsterdam, resulting in the formation of a Patriotic 'Vaderlandse Societeit'. However the life of this venture was cut short after the arrival in 1787 of a Prussian army of 20.000 men under command of Charles, Duke of Brunswick and so with the backing of England, an "Act of Guarantee" was agreed on securing the position of Stadtholder (Willem V with his Prussian consort Wilhelmina) in the Republic. Herman Willem Daendels and his patriots who defended Amsterdam against the invading Prussians, had fled to France after their defeat, right into the turmoil of the French Revolution and the terror that followed.

When years later, General Pichegru marched into the Republic of the Seven Provinces during the severe winter of 1794-1795, he was supported by some 10.000 Patriots under command of General Daendels. It was then that Daendels, with French support, was appointed Lieutenant General of the new Batavian

Republic, proclaimed on the 19th January 1795, backed with the armed support of the French. With his influence and input, a new constitution was adopted in 1798 for the new Republic, but not before the secretary of the French Ambassador Auguste Ducange had started a coup d'etat on 21/22 January 1798 and thereby put the Unitarists or Radicals in power by forcibly removing the opposing members from the General Assembly with the help of a detachment grenadiers under Daendel's command. Soon after the proclamation of the Batavian Republic, patriot Schimmelpenninck was chosen as member of the provisional government of Amsterdam, followed by his appointment on the 17th May 1796 as president of the First National Assembly of the Batavian Republic, which appointment ended on the 29th of May 1797 with some interruption in between. Then in the year 1798 Jan Rutger Schimmelpenninck took up his appointment as Ambassador



for the Batavian Republic in Paris and it was there that he became a great admirer of Napoleon Bonaparte. In political life, as well in our ordinary lives, our future achievements and successes are often the outcome of casual meetings or friendships from the early days in our lives.

So it was with Isaac Jan Alexander

Gogel, an old time friend and fellow Patriot of Rutger Jan Schimmelpenninck. He was a 'self-made' man born on the 10th of December 1765, son of a German army officer in the service of the Dutch Republic. He started as an apprentice merchant in Amsterdam when he was sixteen years old. By studying hard and consistently, he became a prominent Dutch economist, gathering his ideas from publications available at the time. He joined the Patriot Party because of the level of corruption he noticed under the existing system of Stadtholder Willem V.

It would be helpful that the various political opinions of those times are made more understandable for my readers. Schimmelpenninck was a so-called 'Moderate' who wanted a central government for the State but did not support any

Raadspensionaris “ Schimmelpenninck”

further electoral changes. On the whole the Moderates were often irresolute and were called 'Slijmgasten' (slime-balls) by the opposing parties.

Daendels and Gogel on the other hand were 'Unitarian' who believed that the various regions should be transformed into the French system of 'Departements', with a controlling strong central government. Soon after the coup on the 22nd of January 1798, Alexander Gogel was appointed 'Agent for Finance', followed later by the title of 'Secretary of State Finance' after Napoleon had crowned himself as Emperor of France on that cold 2nd day of December 1804 in front of an assembly of dignitaries and the Pope. As Secretary of State Finance Gogel attempted the reform and upgrade the existing taxation system, but as this entailed the abolition of the old long established 'ad hoc' system supplemented with forced loans by the Republic to keep the shop going, this was met with strong resistance by the established interested parties of Nobles and Regents. With the support of his powerful ally the Emperor Napoleon, Gogel now was able to enforce his desired Tax Reform, which was subsequently enacted in June 1805 and put into operation as from the 1st of January 1806.

It was not long after Schimmelpenninck was installed as Ambassador of the Batavian Republic that he caught the attention of 'Consul' Napoleon and so he was invited to take part in the Peace negotiations of Amiens between France and England during the years 1801/1802 and concluded on the 27th of March 1802. England thereby returned all the Dutch colonies, except Ceylon. The French Revolution and the 'Directoire' actually came to an end after the Coup d'Etat on the 9th of November 1799 whereby Napoleon Bonaparte formed a Triumvirate with two other Consuls, with himself as First Consul. This form of government did not last long as Napoleon cleverly out-manoeuvred the two other Consuls and started ruling France on his own. This was affirmed on a cold day on the 2nd of December 1804 when he crowned himself as 'l'Empereur de

meters, executed by the artist Jacques Louis David and now displayed at the Louvre.

Some years after Napoleon's coronation in 1804, Schimmelpenninck was requested by the emperor to draft a new constitution for the 'Batavian Commonwealth' which had supplanted the Batavian Republic after a coup in 1801. This new constitution was accepted by Napoleon and confirmed by a national election on the 16th of April 1805. As a point of interest, only 4 % of the registered voters actually tasted a vote. Are we really changing that much over the years?

Then followed Schimmelpenninck's appointment as 'Raadspensionaris' or Grand Pensionary of the newly established Republic whereby in fact he actually became the CEO in Holland as the representative of the French Government. He was assisted by a Legislative Council of nineteen members and assisted by Alexander Gogel, the Raadspensionaris managed to enact some important legislation, like a upgraded system of taxation, including a land registry, a land tax, a tax on servants, horses, furniture, salt, alcoholic drinks, soap, peat (turf) etc. Schimmelpenninck's Secretary of State for Education, Hein van Stralen, enacted public education subsidised by the State.

However the political environment in Holland was not very stable in these times of great international changes and so it was on the 4th of June 1806 that Napoleon's younger brother Lodewijk Napoleon was appointed as King of the Kingdom of Holland, thereby replacing Raadspensionaris Schimmelpenninck, who was now facing the future without any position in government. During the following five years he probably involved himself again with his law practice activities of his early years.

Then, lo and behold, it was on 10 April 1811 by decree of Emperor Napoleon, that Rutger Jan Schimmelpenninck was elevated to 'Comte de l'Empire' with right of continuation for the first born male. This came after his appointment as a senator in the French Parliament, a position he held from 1811 till 1813, when Napoleon's armies were defeated at the battle of Leipzig in October 1813.

Then, after Napoleon's final defeat at Waterloo in 1815, and when at the Congress of Vienna it was decided to appoint Willem I as King of the Netherlands, it was Schimmelpenninck who was chosen to take a seat in the senate. For reasons of health, especially his diminishing sight, he finally had to withdraw from public life and settled in his beloved 'havezate' (reinforced mansion) Nijenhuis near Diepenheim in Twente. He died on the 15th of February 1825 in Amsterdam.

And so ended the colourful life of a talented descendant of a bastard branch of a noble family from Gelderland, who's Doopsgezinde (Mennonite) parents had no political rights in the Republic of the Seven Provinces. Some of this intolerance percolated until the last war as I can witness from my own experience.

Gerard Woerlee.



France' (Emperor of the French) in the magnificent Notre Dame Cathedral, attended by Pope Pius VII and a host of Heads of State and Nobles. The event has been recorded with a beautiful painting of approximately 6 x 9

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle wizard

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
								D				

CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number! The codes for only 2 letters are revealed. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

The last Codebreaker was not one of the easiest, but once you found the words "Wallow and Leeway", you were on away.

Following is the full solution:
A=22; B=11; C=2; D=11; E=23;
F=18; G=7; H=14; I=26; J=25;
K=17; L=15; M=20; N=5;
O=10; P=8; Q=3; R=16; S=4;
T=12; U=24; V=9; W=21;
X=19; Y=13; Z=6.

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

9	6	7				1	5	
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5		1			2	4		7
1	5	2						4
7		6				8		1
8						7	2	5
2		9	3			6		8
	8		4	6		2		
	1	4				5	7	3



Sudoku - Moderate

	4		5			6	8	
					9		4	
		6				9		7
6		7	2	9				4
2				4	3	8		5
4		2				7		
	6		7					
	8	1			5		2	

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